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SUBJECT: FAEROE ISLANDS EXPAND TO 200 MILES.

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1. DANISH NEWSPAPER LAND OG FOLK (COMMUNIST) OF AUGUST 8, 1976, CARRIED RITZAU BUREAU REPORT STATING THAT FAEROESE PARLIAMENT, THE LAGTING, ON AUGUST 6 UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A PROPOSAL BY THE FAEROESE GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND THE FAEROESE FISHERIES LIMIT TO 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE CURRENT 12 MILES. THE 200 MILE ZONE, SAID THE PAPER, WAS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1977.

2. DURING THE LAGTING DISCUSSIONS, OPINION VARIED REGARDING THE BENEFITS OF A POSSIBLE EXPANSION, HOWEVER, THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR AN EXPANSION IN VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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3. THE LAGTING URGED THE FAEROESE GOVERNMENT, THE

LANDSSTYRE, TO START TALKS WITH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT FOR AN IMMEDIATE DENOUNCEMENT OF THE 1973 FISHERIES ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO FISHERIES IN WATERS SURROUNDING THE FAEROE ISLANDS. ACCORDING TO THIS ARRANGEMENT, ANY CONTRACTING PARTY MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE ARRANGEMENT BY MEANS OF A NOTICE IN WRITING ADDRESSED TO THE DEPOSITORY GOVERNMENT. DENOUNCEMENT OF THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD TAKE EFFECT SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH NOTICE WAS GIVEN.

4. THE 1974 CATCH INSIDE 200 MILES AMOUNTED TO 127,000 METRIC TONS. FAEROESE FISHERMEN TOOK 26,000 TONS AND OTHER NATIONS, 101,000 TONS. THE TOTAL FAEROESE CATCH DURING 1975 IN WATERS AROUND THE ISLANDS AND OTHER FISHING GROUNDS CAME TO 286,000 TONS.

5. COMMENT: AN OFFICIAL IN THE FAEROESE AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE DANISH ADMINISTRATION HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE FAEROESE REQUEST, ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY RECEIVED. THE OFFICIAL SAID THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT THE FAEROESE REQUEST AND START NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES Affected. SUCH ACTION, HOWEVER, WOULD PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE AROUND SEPTEMBER 15.

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